

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S395–S544*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2080–2099, and S. Res. 370–371. **Page S494**

**Measures Passed:**

*National School Counseling Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 371, designating the week of February 6 through 10, 2012, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S544**

**Measures Considered:**

*Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century:* Senate began consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and agreeing to the committee-reported amendments, and that the bill, as amended, be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S400–13, S423–85**

Pending:

Reid (for Johnson (SD)/Shelby) Amendment No. 1515, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S484–85**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 85 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 17), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S420–23**

**Jordan Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S544**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, February 13, 2012. **Page S544**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13,

2012; that there be one hour for debate equally divided in the usual form prior to the cloture vote.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 90 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 16), Cathy Ann Bencivengo, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S417–20, S544**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S492**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S492**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S395, S492**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S490–92**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S504–43**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S543–44**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—17) **Pages S420–21**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S544.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, USA, for reappointment to the

grade of lieutenant general and to be Chief of Engineers, and Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### HOUSING MARKET

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the housing market, focusing on removing barriers to economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, and Christopher J. Mayer, Columbia Business School, both of New York, New York; and Phillip L. Swagel, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park.

### ASSESSING INEQUALITY, MOBILITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing inequality, mobility, and opportunity, after receiving testimony from Mark J. Warshawsky, Member, Social Security Advisory Board; Jared Bernstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Heather Boushey, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Sarah Anderson, Institute for Policy Studies, and Scott Winship, Brookings Institution Center on Children and Families, all of Washington, DC.

### SOUTHEAST ARIZONA LAND EXCHANGE AND CONSERVATION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation

Act of 2009, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain and Kyl; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Lands and Minerals Management; Jon Cherry, Resolution Copper Company, Superior, Arizona; and Shan Lewis, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Phoenix.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND INTERNET GAMING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice opinion on Internet gaming, focusing on what's at stake for tribes, after receiving testimony from Robert Odawi Porter, Seneca Nation of Indians, Salamanca, New York; Kevin K. Washburn, University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque; I. Nelson Rose, Whittier Law School, Encino, California; Alex T. Skibine, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City; Patrick Fleming, Washington, DC, on behalf of the Poker Players Alliance; and Glenn M. Feldman, Mariscal, Weeks, McIntyre and Friedlander, P.A., Phoenix, Arizona.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1945, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

*Committee recessed subject to the call.*

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 3989–4012; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 99 were introduced. **Pages H691–93**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H693–94**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3408, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–392);

H.R. 3407, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, to ensure secure energy supplies for the continental Pacific Coast of the United States, lower prices, and reduce imports, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–393); and

H.R. 3813, to amend title 5, United States Code, to secure the annuities of Federal civilian employees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–394 Pt. 1). **Page H691**